

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An anesthetic composition comprising a fluoroether compound having an alpha fluoroether moiety having added thereto an effective stabilizing amount of a Lewis acid inhibitor.
2. The composition of claim 1 wherein the fluoroether compound is selected from a group consisting of sevoflurane, enflurane, isoflurane, methoxyflurane, and desflurane.
3. The composition of claim 1 wherein the Lewis acid inhibitor is selected from a group consisting of water, butylated hydroxytoluene, methylparaben, propylparaben, propofol, and thymol.
4. The composition of claim 1 wherein the fluoroether compound is sevoflurane and the Lewis acid inhibitor is water.
5. The composition of claim 4 containing at least about 0.04% w/w to about 0.14% w/w of water.
6. A method of preparing the anesthetic composition of claim 1 comprising the step of adding the Lewis acid inhibitor to the fluoroether compound.
7. A method of preparing the anesthetic composition of claim 1 comprising the step of adding the fluoroether compound to the Lewis acid inhibitor.
8. A method of stabilizing a fluoroether compound having an alpha fluoroether moiety, the method comprising the step of adding to the fluoroether compound an effective stabilizing amount of a Lewis acid inhibitor to prevent the degradation of the fluoroether compound by the Lewis acid.
9. The method of claim 8 wherein the fluoroether compound is selected from a group consisting of sevoflurane, enflurane, isoflurane, methoxyflurane, and desflurane.
10. The method of claim 8 wherein the Lewis acid inhibitor is selected from a group consisting of water, butylated hydroxytoluene, methylparaben, propylparaben, propofol and thymol.

11. The method of claim 8 wherein the fluoroether compound is sevoflurane and the Lewis acid inhibitor is water.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein the amount of water added to the sevoflurane is from about 0.04% w/w to about 0.14% w/w.